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1. SUMMARY: IN THREE RECENT STATEMENTS, WEST BERLIN
GOVERNING MAYOR DIETRICH STOBBE STRESSED WEST BERLIN'S
BELONGING TO THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY; URGED A QUICK
START TO FRG-GDR NEGOTIATIONS; AND ADVOCATED CONTINUING
PROGRESS IN DETENTE. END SUMMARY.

2. IN ADDRESS TO THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE OF THE
EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT MEETING JUNE 23, BERLIN GOVERNING
MAYOR STOBBE WARNED OF FUTURE ATTEMPTS BY EACH BLOC
TO REALIZE THEIR "INCORRECT IDEAS" ABOUT THE "NON-
BELONGING" OF BERLIN TO THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AND
PROMISED "ENERGETIC OPPOSITION" TO THESE IDEAS.

3. AT SAME MEETING, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE EUROPEAN
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PARLIAMENT POLITICAL COMMITTEE, BERTRAND (OF BELGUIM)
RECOMMENDED THAT BESIDES THE EXISTING EC LIAISON
OFFICE IN BERLIN, THERE BE ESTABLISHED A EUROPEAN
PARLIAMENT LIAISON OFFICE. BERTRAND EMPHASIZED THAT
BERLIN IS AN "INTEGRAL CONSTITUENT PART" OF THE EC;
EASTERN PROTESTS WOULD NOT DETER THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT
COMMITTEES FROM MEETING EVEN MORE FREQUENTLY IN BERLIN.

DURING ITS TWO-DAY MEETING IN BERLIN, THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE ISSUED A STATEMENT THAT THE ACTIVE PARTICIPATION OF BERLIN IN THE EUROPEAN UNIFICATION PROCESS MUST BE GUARANTEED AND DEVELOPED IN THE FUTURE.

4. AT JUNE 28 PRESS CONFERENCE ON FRG-GDR NEGOTIATIONS, STOBBE SUGGESTED IT MIGHT BE OF SOME DISADVANTAGE TO BERLIN IF FEDERAL MINISTER HANS-JUERGEN WISCHNEWSKI TOOK PART IN THE TALKS: SINCE FRG REPRESENTATIVE IN EAST BERLIN GUENTHER GAUS HAD BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN THE PAST, HE SHOULD ALSO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE NEW TALKS. (NOTE: STOBBE'S ADVOCACY OF GAUS PUTS HIM DIRECTLY IN OPPOSITION TO BONN'S ALLEGED DECISION TO NAME WISCHNEWSKI REPORTED IN JUNE 30 DIE WELT.) STOBBE TERMED A NEW AUTOBAHN FROM BERLIN TO HAMBURG AND THE BERLIN ENERGY SUPPLY THE CENTRAL NEGOTIATING ISSUES FROM THE BERLIN POINT OF VIEW AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT NEW TALKS WOULD GIVE IMPETUS TO SOME PENDING BERLIN PROBLEMS THAT HAVE "ENTERED A PHASE OF STAGNATION", NAMELY, THE NORTHERN CROSSING POINT, OPENING OF THE TELTOW CANAL, A SECOND SPANDAU LOCK AND DISPOSITION OF THE SUEDEGELAEENDE RAILROAD YARDS.

5. STOBBE'S PRESS CONFERENCE DREW PRAISE FROM THE EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN DIEPGEN, WHO PLEDGED THE OPPOSITION'S FULL SUPPORT FOR STOBBE'S CALL FOR PROMPT FRG-GDR UNCLASSIFIED

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DISCUSSIONS ON BERLIN-HAMBURG AUTOBAHN AND ENERGY SUPPLY, AS LONG AS BERLIN INTERESTS ARE NOT TREATED SEPARATELY, BUT IN A PACKAGE WITH GDR DESIRES FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION.

6. AT ASPEN INSTITUTE CONFERENCE JUNE 25, STOBBE EMPHASIZED WORKING WITHIN PRESENT BALANCE OF POWER IN EUROPE. THIS BALANCE, HE SAID "REPRESENTS THE GUARANTEE OF PEACE." HE CALLED FOR BROADENING EAST-WEST COOPERATION, WHICH WOULD NOT ELIMINATE THE PRESENT DIVISION IN EUROPE, BUT WOULD REDUCE ITS EFFECTS ON PEOPLE. BERLIN'S TASK, HE ASSERTED, IS TO KEEP THE "GERMAN QUESTION" OPEN UNTIL IT CAN TRULY BE SOLVED PEACEFULLY. THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT HAS PRODUCED A MODUS VIVENDI FOR BERLIN. WHAT IS CALLED FOR, STOBBE CONCLUDED, IS NOT JURIDICAL CONTROVERSIES, BUT PRACTICAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AREAS SUCH AS TRANSIT AND VISIT TO EAST BERLIN AND THE GDR. GEORGE

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